

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the paragraph bridging pages 6 and 7, please amend as follows:

In accordance with a first aspect of the invention, there is provided a split-type vulcanizing mold comprising a lower side mold, an upper side mold capable of approaching and parting from the lower side mold, a segment mold ring comprising a plurality of segments arc-like in shape, capable of moving in a radial direction thereof, and coming into close, i.e., tight contact with the upper side mold and the lower side mold upon the segments moving toward the radially inner side, an outer ring provided on the radially outer side of the segment mold ring, so as to be movable in the axial direction thereof, for causing the segment mold ring to move, a bolster plate for causing the outer ring to move in the axial direction thereof through a spacer ring, and wherein the spacer ring is slidably installed on the top surface of the outer ring through urging members ~~inserted between the spacer ring and the outer ring and~~ having an urging force substantially equivalent to a clamping force of the mold at the time of vulcanization.

Page 7, between the second and third full paragraph, please add the following new paragraph:

In accordance with a third aspect of the invention, there is provided the split-type vulcanizing mold according to the first of the second aspect of the invention wherein the urging members are preferably set such that the proper mold clamping force of the mold is provided when a deflection thereof is approximately half a deflection thereof at the time of the maximum load.

Following the paragraph bridging pages 7 and 8, please add the following new paragraph:

According to the third aspect of the invention, the urging members are set to provide proper clamping force when a deflection of the urging members is approximately half of the maximum deflection thereof, so that it becomes possible to absorb variation in dimensions regardless of whether the variation in dimensions, at the time of fabricating the mold, is on a plus side or minus side to thereby clamp the respective sector molds with the proper clamping force, preferably set such that the proper mold clamping force of the mold is provided when a deflection thereof is approximately half a deflection thereof at the time of the maximum load.